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SUBJ: COMMISSION PROPOSAL TO TAX VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS

REF: STATE 170962

1. IN THE ABSENCE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
KESTER HEASLIP WHO IS ATTENDING EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING, WE
CALLED JULY 12 ON PAT MCCABE, COUNSELLOR IN CHARGE OF TRADE
MATTERS AT DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. WE DISCUSSED POINTS
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CONTAINED IN REFTEL IN DETAIL AND WE STRESSED TO MCCABE THE

EXTREME SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE VIEW THE PROPOSAL TO TAX
VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS, AND WE UNDERScoreD THE DAMAGING EFFECTS
ITS APPROVAL WOULD HAVE ON US/EC RELATIONS.

2. MCCABE TOOK CAREFUL NOTES DURING OUR PRESENTATION, AND HE
SEEMED TO BE FULLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH
WE REGARD THIS PROPOSAL. HE SAID THAT THE QUESTION OF THE TAX
HAD NOT BEEN FULLY STUDIED BY THE DEPARTMENTS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AND AGRICULTURE AND HE WAS, THEREFORE, NOT IN A POSITION TO
COMMENT AT THAT TIME. HOWEVER, HE UNDERTOOK TO CONVEY IN FULL
OUR REMARKS TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY HEASLIP AS WELL AS TO FOREIGN
MINISTER FITZGERALD. HE SAID THAT US VIEWS ON THIS MATTER WOULD
BE FULLY TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION, AND HE PROMISED TO GET BACK
IN TOUCH WITH US AS SOON AS THE GOI POSITION IS WORKED OUT.

3. AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE HAS APPOINTMENT AFTERNOON JULY 13 WITH
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE CLINTON TO MAKE PARALLEL REPRESENTATION.
WE WILL REPORT ON THIS CONVERSATION BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM.
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